

JUMBUCK NEWS

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WORKCOVER

Jumbuck is reviewing workcover claims, to research any common causes to enable us to reduce the number of claims.

Taken over a 5 year period:

- 42% were motorbike accidents.
- 9% were horse accidents.
- 4% were false claims.
- 13% were workshop accidents.
- 13% were yard accidents.
- 19% were varied and unrelated to other claims.
- We must commend Meda for their reduction in claims. The percentage of horse accidents has dropped compared with other causes and as such is a credit to the Management staff on Meda

Workshop accidents were mostly represented by fingers being crushed handling 205 litre drums.

Staff are reminded that they have responsibilities under OH&S to look after themselves and follow OH&S directives.

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MD's Comment

2011 continues to be a dynamic year as our elected politicians debate the pro's and con's of suspending the live export trade, climate change, a carbon tax, minerals resource tax and an Australian dollar exceeding parity with the USD.

A recent low for our Kimberley cattle operations with the Government stepping in to suspend the trade on 7 June on the back of television footage produced by activists with a clear mission to shut it down. Appalling as the footage was, the handling of the situation was not been ideal.

Seasonal conditions remain buoyant across our Group, as they have been for the past twelve months in most areas resulting in above average production of lamb and calf numbers. Lamb marking currently underway at Rawlinna, Commonwealth Hill, Mulgathing and Bulgunnia - all showing no signs of disappointment!

Having not sent cattle on boats from Broome to Indonesia since early June - with the trade suspended - we are hoping that our next consignments might resume in September. Systems and processes demanded of the government on exporters - who must comply in order to be issued export permits - are comprehensive.

Heartfelt congratulations to **Matt Haines**

who has been appointed manager at Madura Plains and has taken up the post with wife **Mel** and newborn **Sally Maria**. **Glen Keenan** has been appointed overseer at Glen Devon with wife **Jess** and baby **Meg**, **Will Collins** as overseer at Springfield with wife **Andrea**, children **Lachlan** and **Jess**, **Ray Hammond** appointed to the overseer's position at Gunbar with wife **Donna**. **Kerry Fullwood** has been transferred from senior station hands position at Mulgathing to the overseers' position at Bulgunnia. Congratulations to those who have received internal promotions and we welcome to those new to the company.

Callum and Jock

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STATION NEWS

Blina / Ellendale

The mustering season is in full swing at Blina, with the first round of breeders completed, with fantastic branding results to date. This is due to mid season rain last year which saw many cows reconceive far earlier than is the norm. We are on target to post a record branding at Blina upon completion of the second round.

A tumultuous year for live export with the trade to Indonesia still yet to fire up again after the Federal Government's lifting of the ban. We were fortunate to lift the bulk of the Blina Steers before the ban came into place and sold into the feeder market with solid weights at good prices. Due to the fantastic dry season of 2010 and the extended wet just gone we had a large proportion of steers that were too heavy to make the Indonesian market. These steers we were able to sell into the Territory for backgrounding. We face a few headaches over the months ahead, with cull heifers

looking as they may be difficult to move. With weaners piling up around us, we will be looking to make some room in our store cattle paddocks in the next month or so. It is also hard to line cattle up for the year ahead without knowing what markets we will be targeting. We can only hope that the Indonesian market comes back on line in the next few months.

On the back of such a big wet season, we were able to conduct a massive burning off program in April/May, assisted by the Fesa helicopter. We burnt approximately 40% of the lease, (as well as a few other things that got in the way) and have an abundance of green feed that will dramatically reduce our supplement bill late in the year.

Cattle are only starting to come back on to water in big numbers over the last month, so boremen **Andrew Bates** and **Andy Hallen** have made the most of their time in other areas. We now have steel platforms and crows nests on all our windmills, and many small jobs have been attended to both at the homesteads and around the run. We now have a solar unit installed at 67 Mile bore. **Stu Jones** has been busy on the Grader and has had time to get around fence lines that have not been cleared for some years. The big wet has left some serious erosion for him to contend with.

Kurt Heath is nearing the completion of the new set of drafting yards at Wappits. It was quite rewarding to load up the panels there for the last time in May!

We welcome **Anna Thomas**, another Kiwi who is relieving **Mandy Kain** as Housekeeper for a few months whilst she is on an overseas jaunt in the UK. But there have been reports of **Mandy** kicking about the Greek Islands, so we may not see her for a while! Thanks to **Anna** for picking up the slack so well. **Marion (Maz) Eastham** has kept us all well fed and happy, and gets out of the kitchen to help out in the yards or on a horse as much as possible. **Mandy, Anna** and **Maz**, have taken up the challenge against

the women of Meda to see who can produce the best crop from their respective veggie gardens. We will keep you posted to see who comes out on top.

The stockcamp have been busy this year, having to put up with a fairly interrupted routine to fit around sale cattle and many, many changes of plan. **Cameron Brown** has done a good job of keeping the show rolling along and I would particularly like to thank **Casey Schmidt** for her efforts throughout the first round.

One silver lining to the live export cloud is that there are no cattle boats to load over Rodeo weekend! The crew had their first major break for the Fitzroy Rodeo, which saw most staff competing in the campdraft, barrel racing and roughstock events. Well done to Cam **Brown**, who came home with a second place in the Novice Bull Ride. As usual the Jumbuck Pastoral camp at Fitzroy was where the party was at. A good time had by all. The crew are heading east for the Halls Creek Rodeo this weekend, which should result in plenty of amusing stories upon their return.

The weather seems to be warming up, after a positively cold spell during June, which Kimberley staff are unaccustomed to.

Matt Wood
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Bulgunnia

As things begin to dry out and life returns to normal after the wet start to the year it is hard to believe that not that long ago that the workshop was underwater and that we couldn't use some roads because they were under water. It has been a major job to clean up all the buildings and the Homestead area after the flood waters have subsided.

Shearing was finally finished after a late start due to the wet weather. It was the first shearing that I have done at Bulgunnia

where keeping water up to stock was not a major concern. Instead the water problem came from bogged vehicles and sheep. All musters and droves had to be planned extra carefully to avoid any boggy swamps. By the end of shearing we were all experienced in the art of removing bogged sheep from muddy swamps. Some of us had the extra experience of removing Toyotas, trucks, graders, tractors and road trains from the muddy pits they ended up in.

Shearing turned out to one of the best in many years. Wool and sale sheep all returned excellent prices at the markets after many years of average returns. All the sheep that we kept returned to well covered paddocks post shearing and the lambing ewes did their job by dropping many lambs. We have just started to mark the new season's lambs and the number of lambs is down on what we would have liked to see. With the grasses drying off many lambs are infested with grass seeds, making their life hell. As a consequence of the grass seeds the condition of the lambs and their mothers is down on what we had hoped. Ironically we need 15mm of rain to knock the grass seeds down to help the stock.

We still have large areas of water lying in the paddocks; the largest of these areas is the Butler swamp. Butler now has large numbers of native water birds living on the water and around the edges. A pair of black swans and numerous other species of ducks are present. They present a wonderful sight at daybreak and dusk.

A road gang from Challenger mine has at last completed repairs of the road from the Bulgunnia Homestead to the Stuart Highway. The road suffered badly during the wet period in January with the need to get road trains of supplies to Challenger. Dare I say that the road is now in the best condition it has been for years? Here's hoping that it can be maintained in this condition.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Kerry Fullwood** who has taken on the

position of Overseer and to new staff member **Daniel Murton**.

Commonwealth Hill

Shane Miller
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RFDS taking off during publicity shoot at Bulgunnia.



Road train being retrieved



Floods earlier in the year

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After a bumper summer and autumn, it seems the tap has just been turned off with an unusually dry winter with around 30mm for the last 4 months. Plenty of green flies still about and with a fairly heavy body of feed on the ground the two or three frosty days we have so far, haven't been enough to kill them. Lamb marking percentages are less than we expected, a couple of dingoes brought the percentage down from around 100 to 80% but have trapped a pair that were probably responsible. There has also been dog activity on the western side of the run, mainly in the south around Lake Anthony. **Ben** shooting one and **Ashley** shooting another.

Camels are still giving us a bit of grief on the dog fence and dog activity is constant on the outside. **Richard Armour** obviously misses Commonwealth Hill so much he had to come back to some tank and yard building! Putting up a marvi plate tank at Princess and doing up a full overhaul of the yards at Jumbuck. If anyone had ever worked in the Jumbuck yards, they would understand the ground there is almost solid limestone but Richard toiled away, drilled with the old Proline and with the help of Bulgunnia's Fergie, got the posts concreted in about 700mm in the ground. A lot of the old posts that we pulled out were only about 1foot in the ground – no wonder it fell over!

More staff changes out at Commonwealth Hill/Mobella with **Ashley Cooper** and **Amy Heenan** moving on – we wish them all the best on their future endeavours and we hope to see them back at Jumbuck one day. Backpacker **Andreas Staehr** from Denmark has also continued travelling. We were very sad to see him go he was a great bloke and worker.

Simon Robinson
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Commonwealth Hill Homestead compound.



Commonwealth Hill Homestead



Commonwealth Hill Pilot Andrea McHardy filling up

Drafting at Goolagong yards. Ashley Cooper on the gate.



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Glen Devon

Unfortunately and sadly, our Manager **Glen Keenan** has had to travel to Tasmania to visit a very ill mother, so it has fallen on me to produce the Glen Devon report.

The season remains very strong, although April, May and June rains have been well below average - the season driver being the very heavy, almost record March falls of 7". It is the first time we haven't needed to feed cattle in June, so our fodder reserves are hardly going to be touched this winter.

Lamb marking is currently in full swing with the team of **Nick Seager, Libby Langley, Travis Leray**, and yours truly in Glen's absence. He returns on Monday. So far we are averaging 99.6% with two mobs of maiden ewes giving 103% and 95% respectively.

We have given our ewe hoggets a second Maximiser Capsule this year, which is keeping the worm burden well under control; with resultant much improved health and growth. Merino weaners are not easy to grow out in the higher rainfall areas of the Adelaide Hills.

Olive picking is also in full swing with **Ed Verco's** shaker mats and conveyor belt mechanically harvesting between 9 and 12 tonnes per day. **Alison Finch** delivers the fruit in bins to the press driving the Mercedes 2225, which has the horse box removed. Alison knows every turn in the Mount Pleasant/Willunga Road and as usual is doing a quality job. Indications are that we may press close to 25,000 litres of oil this year, which will be a record for Jumbuck Olives. Now we have to sell it, which is a much harder proposition.

Ken Prokopec continues to do sterling work in the garden and around the Homestead area, recently planting a lot of Snow Pears and Lemon Scented Gums in **Sandy's** memory. We are also very lucky to have **Libby Langley** to keep an eye on things, particularly the dogs and her first love, the horses, while Fiona and I might be away.

H.G.M
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The airstrip - Madura Plains – no flying for a while. Bottom: Foggy sunrise



Gunbar & Tiarra

Since the last newsletter the country has really dried off especially at Gunbar where there is still a good bulk of dry feed, Tiarra is faring a little better with some winter herbage and green butts in the spear grass. With a very dry autumn and winter so far we could do with a good couple of inches of rain.

Lambmarking has been completed with 14,000 lambs marked at an average of 89% at Tiarra and 99% at Gunbar with all stock in very good condition and carrying plenty of wool. We are coming into shearing commencing on the 25th. July where we should shear around the 42,000 mark for both Gunbar and Tiarra.

With all the cattle now back from agistment we are currently carrying just on 1000 head of cattle.

Fencing repairs have been continuing at Tiarra with the replacement of several weak corners and new gateways going in, the sheep yards at Kellys have been rebuilt using the old mesh and new Creo Posts which have come up really well.

We welcome several new members to the staff since the last newsletter Jillaroos **Jess McPherson** and **Joanne Zanker** and also new overseer **Ray Hammond**.

Dominic Jennings

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McCoys Well

We have been busy with lamb tailing. There are still a few paddocks to go, but the best percentage so far has been Scrubby Paddock on Meadows which recorded 142%. It is the best tailing that I personally have ever seen, no doubt due to the very good rains we've had since last August (538mm in all). 317mm has been recorded for the first 6 months of 2011.

At the end of April **Gary Batt** returned to the station for 10 weeks to repair the damaged banks caused by the February rains. 307 hours of dozer time was used to do this work and there are still a couple of jobs left to do when time permits.

We recently welcomed **Amy Wingrove** (England), **Ricardo Leader** (USA) & **James Thomas** (England) to assist with tailing and the forthcoming shearing.

We still have the large body of water out in South Lagoon paddock. The pump shed roof is just showing through the water at the moment, so the water level must still be just below 9 feet.

Graeme Barry

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Madura Plains



Aerial Mustering Madura Plains



Green grass on the airstrip



Madura Plains Homestead complex

Since our last Newsletter we have completed a shearing of 30,000 sheep and cut 850 bales of wool which is a fantastic result for Madura plains. That is a flock average of 5.5kg per fleece. It was a long and steady shearing but a great opportunity to sort out the flock and get it in the shape they should be in all year round.

A big thanks to my staff **Shea, Mick, Sophie, Ashley, Simone, Mari, Suna, Bill, Moose, Jess** and **Chris** for an immaculate effort through a trying shearing, Could not have done it without them.

This year has been absolutely phenomenal with the rain we have received, year to date we have had 438.4mm which is bit over 17inchs, double our average. The sheep are looking fantastic and the lambs dropping could not get a better start to their lives. It has been an advantage through shearing with no pressure on waters what so ever.

I would like to welcome and congratulate **Chris Jacob** on the overseer's position. He has been enthusiastic and knowledgeable with in his work; also he is a pilot which is advantage for Madura Plains. Keep it up.

Matt Haines

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Mt Victor/Plumbago

Exceptional summer rains produced an abundance of green feed; unfortunately since April very little rain has been recorded with the feed haying off dramatically. The drop of autumn lambs have therefore had little or no green pick available to them.

Lambmarking is currently under way with 85% being achieved, the lambs are disappointingly light in condition and slightly woody, however should survive on the dry feed available until late August, when they will be weaned at shearing.

With cattle prices still holding and the drying out of our watercourse country we took the opportunity to sell cattle before they were to lose condition. The sale mob contained a mixed bag of cull old cows, heavy steers and some calves. An average price/head of \$823 was acceptable.

A similar price of (\$826) per bale was received for crutching wool recently sold, double the prices received only a few years ago.

The finishing touches on the draft replacement at the Mt. Victor shed have been finalized, it is yet untried, and it will be interesting to see how it operates during our August shearing.

26,000 sheep are expected to be shorn in August, with commodity prices high and wool cuts anticipated being above average. It is hoped 2011 will be a profitable year for the station after suffering from many years of drought.

Harry Palmer

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Meda/Kimberley Downs

The 2010/2011 wet season delivered 1173.9 mls of rain in the gauge at the Meda homestead and 1194.2 at Kimberley Downs. This rain fell regularly over a five-month period, starting in early December 2010 and finishing on the 9th April 2011.

The 2011 mustering crew arrived in mid April to find conditions still very wet. They spent the first three weeks painting, mowing lawns and other not so exciting tasks like sorting out steel posts and cleaning out sheds. Country slowly dried out and we were able to run the working horses in on the 10th of May, and begin our mustering programme on the 14th of May some three weeks later than normal. We were then delayed further as the water levels in the May River receded at a very slow rate. This denied us access to continue our mustering on the north side of the river.

The prolonged wet period also caused considerable damage to our trucking roads. Special thanks to **Don Harris**, **Robert Holmes**, **Jese Gooden** and **Phillip Moore** whom spent long hours on Grader, Loader, Dozer and tip truck repairing roads at some stages working well into the night. Their efforts were vital in keeping the stock camp moving.

After some average footage, depicting some unacceptable animal welfare issues in Indonesia and in turn a knee jerk reaction from the Federal Agriculture minister; the northern Australian beef industry was left reeling with its main market cut off. Luckily a good percentage of our 2011 sale steers had been sold and trucked before the live export ban. This combined with good season and plenty

of grass leaves us in a position where we can hold remaining sale cattle in the medium term.

With common sense prevailing and live export ban now lifted, we are hopeful of selling back into Indonesia in the not too distant future.

We would like to welcome **Cassie Yates** back to Jumbuck. **Cassie** did two years at Blina before having some time away. Also new recruits including **Matt West**, a Kiwi who is handy with a shoeing rasp and butchers knife having trained as a farrier and butcher across the ditch. **Ashley Morrow** from the Adelaide Hills who is sadly a Port Adelaide supporter, **Jesse Gooden** a Queenslander who spent some time in the army before completing his commercial helicopter license. He then headed to the outback to gain experience in a mustering camp, apparently enjoys a party and riding bulls free style. **Anna Reid** has taken on the task of cooking with plenty of enthusiasm and energy and doing a great job. Not forgetting **Dean Mastin** our Ag school recruit who despite some saddle sores is keen to be part of the action.

Congratulations to **Dan McCreedy** who won the employee of the year award well deserved. **Mitch Bradford** who has taken on the headstockman's position and shown steadiness, poise and common sense well beyond his experience and age - a top effort. **Shelby Davis** who comes up with some humorous questions and theories and is keen to learn new skills and **Tim Kilgour** who when not chatting away or going into battle with a particular Chestnut gelding is becoming a handy member of the team.

Thanks also to **Kimberley Darby** who has the Kimberley Downs homestead garden looking fantastic and **Danny** who with help from **Joy**, **Henry** and George decked out in there Kent Saddlery belts complete with pocket knives, keep the KD end running smoothly.



Lauren Vaughan, Shelby Davis and Cameron Brown at the Horsemanship School.



Staff at the Horsemanship School earlier in the year.



Training at the start of the season



Sunset at Geoff's Yard.



Angus and Jamie with the Barramundi that Angus caught in the May River.

Jamie Laurisson
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Mulgathing

Currently at Mulgathing we are over half way through our Lamb tailing. We have 15 paddocks remaining, which should hopefully take a little over a fortnight. With not much time between shearing and marking we are hoping that we can use the 3 weeks before crutching to do some of the jobs that have fallen by the wayside.

The country is drying off and with not much rain recorded since April we have very little winter herbage. However the abundant summer grasses are still green in areas and will be of some benefit.

Our lambing is currently sitting at 112.7% and surprisingly it was our oldest ewes that have done the best to date, with 119%. We still have our youngest two age groups to tail, but I don't expect our overall

average will drop too far.

I would like to welcome new members of staff **Rhys Warren** and **Danielle Goodwin**. Both started with Mulgathing almost immediately after Shearing and have had some time to settle in before a busy lamb marking.

James Barry
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Rawlinna

Half the year is now gone and we are already 1 ½ times above our average annual rainfall. The growing season has not faltered with only a couple of frosts so far this winter. We keep fixing the mills and making sure that there is water in the tanks, but the sheep haven't been into water for six months, and the variety of annual growth indicates just how good the Nullarbor is for growing wool. No hunger fine wool this year!

Along with the great season and healthy sheep come some other factors for consideration. Our access road from Kalgoorlie has been closed to traffic over 3 tonne for nearly five months, so that means fuel availability has become an issue for us.

The wet roads have given us a spike in the number of motor bike related injuries, so much so that we are nearly on first name basis with the southern sector of the RFDS. Due to the body of feed, our ability to ride bikes in a muster, without riding into stumps, logs and worst of all, blow holes is a real concern. Our musters are slow, because fat sheep are unfit. They eat, sleep and gain their moisture content without having to move for days. We find they knock up after the initial burst of energy that stock experience when being mustered. As well as that, we seem to be having a terrible run with flat tyres, perhaps because water lubricates rubber, leading to more rock and

stick punctures.

Landing VH-SKM on a strip without the grass being knocked over by a vehicle first is an issue, as the risk is that the long grass won't allow me to take off in the distance available. All of these factors are such nice problems to face after the rotten drought suffered up to October last year.

The stock camp is out for the next few months. At the time of writing, we have just completed 2 weeks of lamb marking the oldest of the ewes, in the areas most likely to be affected by dingoes. Having said that, we are currently running at 82.1% and I expect lambing results to improve as we continue our programme. Our best paddock to date yielded 103.8%.

The crew at Rawlinna this year are moulding into a great team. The willingness of experienced staff to help those who are learning is great to see. Senior staff, **Dennis Nash** and **Wayne Stockdale** are solid in their efforts, for which I am very grateful. Our longest standing employee, **Malcolm Sprigg**, aka **Spriggsie** is a bit low at present. Spriggsie has been into town for a number of medical appointments and operations of late, so we all wish him well for brighter days ahead.

Michael Simons. Ω

Feed !



Springfield

Having been away from South Australia for several years it was a cool reception that we received when we returned, with a colder than average winter.

Callum, Skye and their children, and the other residents at Springfield, have been very welcoming and have made us feel very much like part of the Jumbuck family. I was very fortunate when I started because due to the very wet and boggy conditions I was able to spend some time walking the property with **Callum!**

It has been a very busy first two weeks with lamb marking and weed spraying. The ewes have performed exceptionally (as did the rams) with a 94% lamb rate. This also includes the weak and sick ewes that were brought to Springfield from the Jamestown sale. Their condition has improved immensely with most of the ewe's supporting a healthy lamb.

The lamb marking crew did a great job with all the lambs marked, and ewe's drenched and treated for lice in less than a week. A special thank you to **Gaynor** for supplying the freshly cooked cakes and biscuits for our smoko breaks.

My family and I have embraced the opportunity to be part of Jumbuck Pastoral and look forward to spending many more years as the Overseer at Springfield.

Will Collins Ω

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Footy tipping

The Office Footy Tipping is in the run home now. Of course the "HGM affect" is now manifesting itself. **HG** is going away and it is confidently expected that he will move up several places due to his unbelievable ability to tip ahead. Other front runners are **Pip**, who bases her tips on the colours being worn by the teams on matchday. Despite being unscientific, this method is prompting several "experts" to consider changing their method of picking winning teams. The other front runner is Jock who, in large part, owes his place to the two weeks he didn't remember to put his tips in and the away sides had massive success. Ω

Training

The Kimberley has most of the Stockcamps doing Cert II& III as does the Nullarbor. John Burke from Curtin University runs the Nullarbor courses.

Paul Harrison, from Tumby Bay runs the Cert III courses in the North West of SA. We hope to run a First Aid and a Chemcert course up there, either late this year or early 2012.

Paul has not been well lately and we wish him a speedy recovery and return to work in the near future.

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General News

If you are interested in buying Wrangler jeans from America for \$20.00 - \$30.00, then visit www.sheplers.com Staff at Mulgathing have been very satisfied with their dealings with this site.

The South Australian North and West ABC Late Afternoons radio program has been asking listeners for their fantastic soup recipes. They were after soups that showcase regional local flavours and not only recipes that warmed us up on a cold winters day but a recipe that told a story whether it's a memory or a special occasion.

The judging panel selected the Honey Roasted Pumpkin Soup submitted by **Jessica Lukins** from Mulgathing Station as the winning recipe.

Jessica won a fabulous foodie prize pack and specially engraved Great Soup Challenge soup ladle declaring her the winner.

scored 60 out of a possible 70 points by the Judgement Panel!! Pretty good I reckon!

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Honey Roasted Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

1 Butternut Pumpkin, peeled and diced into large chunks
Olive oil
2-3 tbsp. Honey
30 g butter
2 1/2 cups of chicken stock
1 onion diced
1 tbsp. plain flour
1 tsp. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. curry powder
1/4 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 cup milk (or 1/2 cream and 1/2 cup milk)

Method

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Place diced pumpkin on baking tray and drizzle with olive oil, place in oven for 15 minutes until soft. Remove from oven and drizzle honey over pumpkin and return to oven for another 10 minutes or until golden and caramelised. While waiting for the pumpkin to finish cooking, sauté onion in butter. Stir in flour and cook until bubbling. Remove from heat and gradually add stock. Stir over heat until thickened. Add sugar, curry powder, ginger, nutmeg, seasonings and pumpkin with all the honey juices. Add milk and heat without boiling. Remove from heat and blend with a hand blender until smooth. If needed, add more liquid to your desired consistency.

Serving suggestions

If feeling indulgent serve with a dollop of cream and some hot damper!

It might be worth noting that **Jess**

Staff Profile



Pip Murray –Office Manager

Hello – I have been the Office Manager for Jumbuck Pastoral since November 2010. I'm not one who loves talking about them self – so since then I have managed to cajole everyone else into writing their bit. But John has nailed me to the desk till it is done!

Since the beginning of November I have been running on a treadmill chasing my tail, so to speak. I would actually call myself a bit of a workaholic; - I still do the odd books for several long standing clients

and have done since the year 2000. So I do love a challenge. How Maria ever managed to do all this work is beyond my comprehension. My second name here at present is "delegation".

From being a country girl, successful in attaining my Farm Management and Accounting, as well as working in both industries – this background has eased my transitional stage here at Jumbuck House.

I have 2 children – one of whom is experiencing his outback journey at present working in Alice Springs for the NTCA in the yards up there. **Angus** wants to become a helicopter pilot–this may change in time but at least he is giving life a go.

My daughter, **Emma**, is in year 12 with her sights on becoming someone successful, I'm just happy she is setting targets.

I love that it is has rained this year, that the cattle are (crossing fingers here) back on the boats and that the wool prices are over the \$6/kg range,-as everyone's spirits are high and we are all smiling.

Keep sending in those spectacular photos of your experiences, as it makes me feel a part of you all. Some of the photos are breathtaking.

So.... if and when you're next in town, pop in, the kettle is always on and we are generally always here – Look forward to meeting you over timeCheers Pip

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It must be true!

Who was the clown in the Office who rang his daughter offering her a cheap I pad as described in an Email from Office Manager Pip. After talking a bit about the value of a new I pad to her business, he scrolled down and saw a photo of an elderly male hospital

patient with a white gauze pad taped over his eye ---- Eye pad!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

At Blina we have what is known as the 'spit tin", into which staff donate five dollar fines for anything from getting bogged, to getting thrown off a horse, to general acts of stupidity. The twist to this year's fine jar, is that whoever is the leading contributor at the time of each Rodeo, must wear a pink Wrangler hat whilst competing at the Rodeo. **Michael Thorne** got some pretty lurid comments whilst sitting behind the chutes awaiting his bull ride at Fitzroy. Chin up Mick!

There was Adelaide jobseeker who enquired about the Rawlinna Cowboy's job. He planned to ride to work every day on his pushbike.

'SKM to Rawlinna Base, are you receiving Anne?' Upon answering, there followed a most surprising request! Would I mind just ducking outside for a moment, casting my eyes skyward and ensuring that on low fly past all wheels were attached! 'There was a horrible bang on take-off, think it was a bird hitting the undercarriage, but not sure.....just need to find out if I still have wheels!!', my husband added. Well, this could have potentially added a whole new dimension to the day's plans as the possibilities and consequences hastily presented themselves. Outside in a flash, despite attempts at some composure, I gazed upward, despite typical harsh Nullarbor glare, and focussed hard on the oncoming plane. A couple of fly pasts convinced me that all wheels were in place and it was mutually

deemed safe to continue. A slightly startling early morning conversation, but all was well on landing and it seemed most likely that it had, after all, been a small bird strike.

Congratulations to **Fay Law** from Jumbuck House who has gained permanent residency in Australia.

Fay and her family come from South Africa and she has some disturbing stories about life in South Africa and the reasons they left.

In a small ceremony in the Office Fay was presented with an Australian flag, a pair of Australian thongs, an "I love Australia" sticker and some genuine Balfours frog cakes.



Australian residents kit.

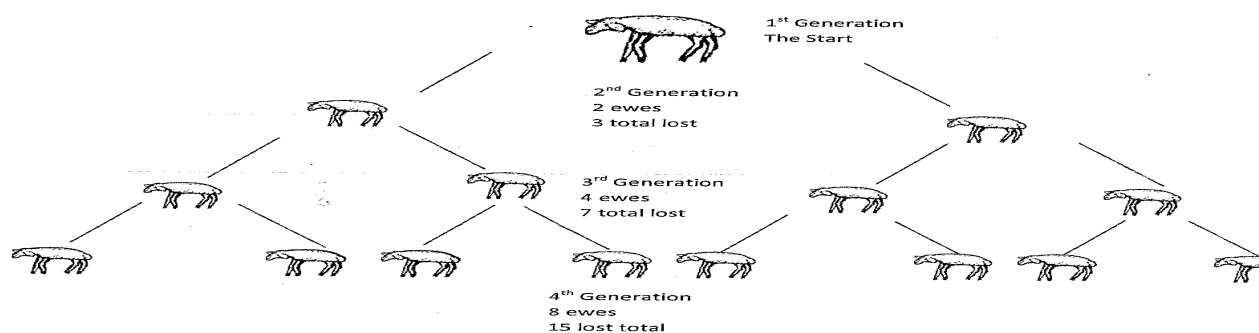
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Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

Jumbuck would like to congratulate **Amy Heenan and Ashley Cooper**, who will be married in September.

Congratulations also due to **Callum** and **Skye MacLachlan** on the safe arrival of **Olive Faithfull** on the 25th May.

One Sheep can change a lot



Ever wonder what the butterfly effect of losing a sheep or leaving one behind could cost? Over 4 generations this is the amount of money lost in sheep and wool price.

As at 26/04/2011 the average price for:

1 sheep - \$110.00

1 bale of wool - \$1200.00

So if we agree that it takes 30 fleeces to fill 1 bale, the average total value of a sheep is \$150.00.

We move on to the poor sheep that was left behind or killed for whatever reason and agree that in the future it could have had 2 lambs or fathered 2 lambs over the 3 generations the same thing happens you could have had 15 sheep.

15 sheep @ \$150 = \$2250.00. That's only one sheep! If you had a mob of 30 perishing in a corner, you can cancel the new Landcruiser as the cost is \$67,500.00!!!!

Naish Miller
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Thanks to **Naish Miller**, who has put some fairly pertinent articles in before. This has been a valuable contribution from Naish as it presents a different side to a common problem. I bet you didn't see the loss ballooning like this!!